**Recommendations of the Joint plant Committee**

2938. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Joint Plant Committee on the issue of raising steel prices, if any;

(b) what decisions has been taken by Government thereon; and

(c) whether Government are con sidering any financial packages to give relief to the Steel Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The Joint Plant Committee (JPC) has not made any recommendation for increasing steel prices.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

**Production in TISCO, Bokaro and Durgapur Plants**

2939. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise production and targets of production at Bokaro, Durgapur and TISCO plants during the last three years and the current year together with the reasons in case of any shortfall; and

(b) what measures are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The following table indicates the year-wise target and production of saleable steel at Bokaro. Durgapur and TISCO during the last three years and the current year: -

(in* 000 tonnes)

| | BOKARO | | DURGAPUR | | TISCO | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Target | Actual | Target | Actual | Target | A ctu a |
| 1983-84. 1275 | | 1288 | 658 | 602 | 1550 | 162 |
| 1984-85.... 1500 | | 1459 | 720 | 621 | 1650 | 1714 |
| 1985-86.... 1720 | | 1721 | 720 | 723 | 1740 | 1772 |
| 1986-87*... 1932 | | 1512 | 680 | 666 | 1587 | 1715 |

(April 1986 - February 1987)

Plant-wise reasons for short-falls are given as under: —

*Bokaro Steel Plant:*

1983-84.... Target was ex ceeded.

1984-85.... The 3 % shortfall in saleable steel production was due to —